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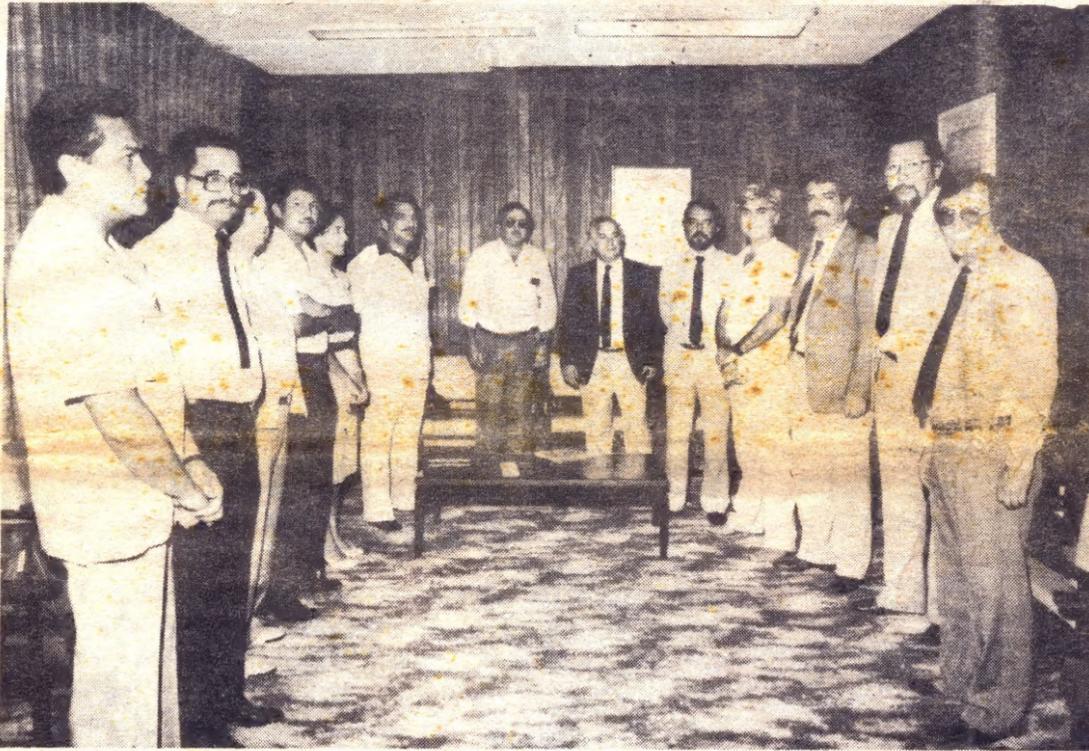


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VENEZUELAN INVESTORS VISITED ARUBA



ORANJESTAD -A group of Venezuelan investors visited Aruba last week especially to look at the facilities of Aruba's ports. They are interested in establishing in Aruba with the possibility of exporting to the U.S. and Europe. The Venezuelans said that the harbor of Barcadera is more appropriate on account of its size, open terrain suitable for construction and its water and electricity facilities. The group met with members of the Aruba government and other officials.

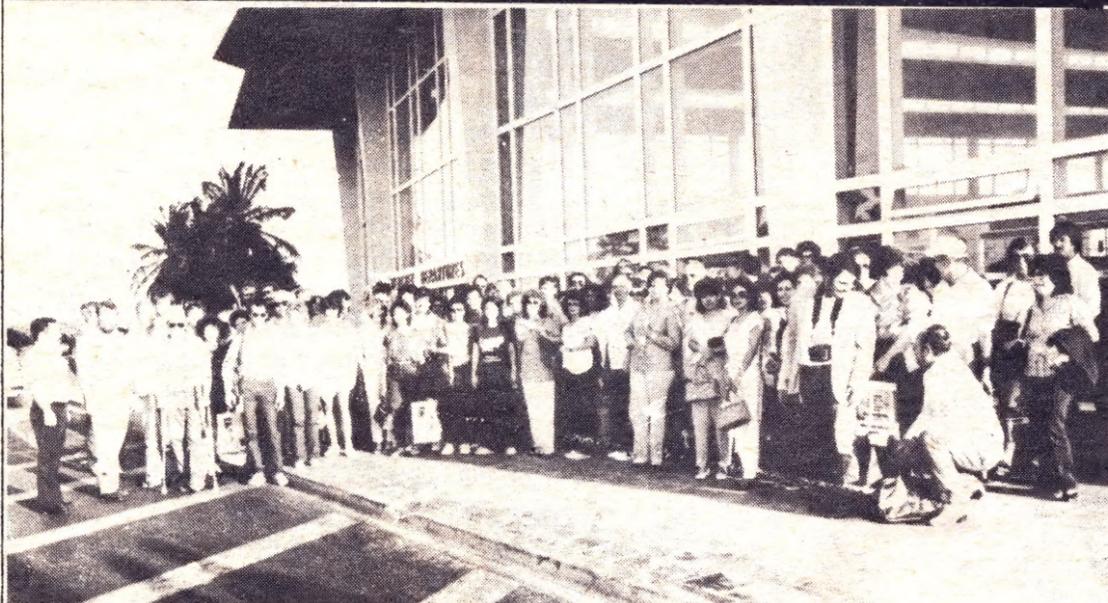
FIRST TANKER SINCE LAGO SHUT-DOWN

SAN NICOLAS -The first tanker to call at the San Nicolas harbor since

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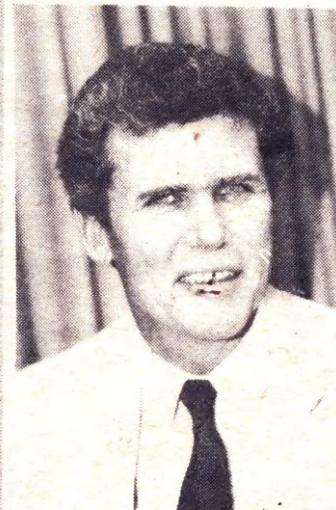


PALM BEACH
The OFFICIAL RENOVATION of the ARUBA CARIBBEAN HOTEL took place last Tuesday April 16. During this Renovation 250 Persons will be employed. And then when is finish 400 persons will be employed in the Hotel.



ORANJESTAD -A group of 86 employees of the ENTEX natural gas company of Texas arrived in Aruba last week. The company presented the trip to its employees who excelled in sales. Together with the group is the vice president and Division Manager, W.B. Frotner and W.M. Mathes.

WILLEMSTAD -On April 1 ALM announced the appointment of its



Mr. Jon W. Arthur

new General Manager for the United States and Canada, Mr. Jon W. Arthur. Mr. Arthur replaces Mr. Andre Dennert who has been assigned to San Juan Puerto Rico. Mr. Arthur lives in Tampa, Florida. He has ample experience in the aviation industry, especially in sales and marketing in countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Mr. Arthur worked 20 years for Panam in such fields as: Passenger Sales, Airport Services, Advertising, Cargo Reservation and Marketing Programs.



Editor's Corner

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Former Minister for Antillean Affairs, Professor Dr. De Gaay Fortman openly declared in a recent interview that it would be better for Aruba to remain in the Antillean constellation than to embark on an adventure of Status Aparte that must culminate in independence. Apart from that he agrees with former premier Juancho Evertsz that a healthy economic structure is an absolute condition before the Antilles should ever think about independence, and if necessary Holland should give the financial aid for that economic structure. De Gaay Fortman, a former minister in the Den Uyl cabinet lived in Curacao during his youth, his father was a judge there thus he is experienced in Antillean affairs and has always been interested in the developments of these islands. Based on this experience he reached the conclusion that without a healthy economic structure it would be madness to seek independence. If Aruba or Curacao wants decentralization there are other ways to do it, he said. For instance he referred to the system in the Colonial days when the Governor practically ruled only in Curacao and the Lt. Governors (gezaghebbers) were responsible for the governing of each individual island. Such a system could be introduced again where everyone is satisfied, knowing that they are tied together in a system but free to make their own individual decisions. In those days the systems functioned well, and according to De Gaay Fortman he cannot see why it shouldn't function today. He said that personally he does not have much confidence in the construction of the plans the experts made for the decentralization of the Netherlands Antilles. Particularly he does not have much confidence in an Aruban currency and its own reserves, there are a number of arguments which point to the fact that more things can go wrong than right said the former minister. In spite of all the anxiety of the Aruban leaders to obtain Status Aparte, in the back of their minds they want to remain Dutch and in that direction there is a proposition in the Dutch Parliamentary for the Arubans to remain Dutch citizens after Status Aparte and Independence. It is obvious that this is an enormous contradiction, being independent; and at the same being a citizen of another country. The ex-statesman also observed that many of the existing problems in Aruba and Curacao could have been avoided if there was the political goodwill much could be done but apparently the political goodwill does not exist. Referring to developments for the future Mr De Gaay Fortman said that one must consider the new economic situation due to the fact that Lago has closed down and that every day we read in the newspaper that Shell also wants to leave Curacao. "That is why I agree with the theory of Juancho Evertsz, who told me in 1975 that as long as the islands do not have a healthy economic structure, with the necessary aid from Holland, the conditions are not ripe for the Netherlands Antilles to become independent. Finally De-Gaay Fortman categorically rejected the constant accusations that Holland is a colonial power because since Surinam became independent, Holland abandoned the last part of its colonial possession. Nevertheless he acknowledges the fact that if there is no political goodwill no matter how many rational arguments there might be to keep the Antilles together, "there is no one more deaf than the one who does not want to hear". concluded De Gaay Fortman.

Village Talk



by **WILLY**

It got a fella does be ridin rong on he motorcycle e-very nite keepin a lotta noise an' wakin' up peeple. Willy hear dat is high he does be high. Well one ting Willy kno' de higher he be de harder he goin' fall.

Willy hear dat in Barahonastraat now is youngnes s against oldness. What a toim!

De schoolchildren dem say dat now it got more fruitsellers dan numbersellers.

A fella tell Willy dat he so accustom ah gettin' up early in de mornin dat altho' he ain't wukkin now he does get up early an' mek he rounds up by de Lago gate.

Willy hear dat a woman in Curacao give she man a lot "sweet oil bath" De poor fella still bawling.

A fella tell Willy dat now he mekkin' kites all He say he mekkin' a lil chirrup too. He say a lil ting bettah dan nuttin.

A lady from ovah Congo-weg tell Willy dat she slee pin' wid she machet under she pillow. She say it got a fella ovah dat side walkin' in peeple house loik it he own. So dis fella better take note of dis warning.

A fella tell Willy dat when dey was throwin' away de tings dem wha' get burn up in de Wimco fire he get a record player. He say he fix it up an' it was playin' good, but now somebody thief it.

Willy wondah how much de numbersellers dem goin pay in de head when we start usin' yankee dollars.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT
STATUS APARTE
TO CONTINUE**

ORANJESTAD—The Government Information Service cooperation with the Project Bureau and the Department of Constitutional Affairs will continue to inform the public about the preparations for the Status Aparte of Aruba on Telearuba from 8.30 to 9

p.m. Thursday evening during the program "Aruba y su Independencia Present in tonight's program will be Drs. Nico

van Hoorn, Miss Grace Maduro, Mr. Kees Boekhoudt, Mr. Romeo Thijssen and Mr. Jossy Figueroa.

Dominican Doctor says;

**VISA CAN CURB PROSTITUTION
IN CURACAO**

WILLEMSTAD—Dr. Felix Carias, a Dominican orthopedic surgeon residing in Curacao for the past 26 years says that the only solution to the problem of prostitution practiced by Dominican women in Curacao (and Aruba) would be the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Netherlands Antilles

and the Dominican Republic. He said that if there was diplomatic relations between the two countries the office in Santo Domingo would have to issue visas to persons coming to Curacao and will be in a better position to screen the applicants and curb the flow of prostitutes to the Netherlands Antilles

FIRST TANKER

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Saturday with a cargo of gasoline. Esso Petrolera, a newly formed Exxon affiliate, will be in charge of supplying Aruba with petroleum products. The Island Go-

vernment has issued a temporary permit to Esso Petrolera; in the meantime negotiations for the permanent establishment of the new company is finalized.

CAVALLARO TO LONDON ...

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sident of the closed Lago refinery will be leaving Aruba at the end of June He was appointed vice president of Esso Africa and will reside in London The contact man for La-

go affairs in Aruba will be Mr. George Reynolds, technical manager of Lago. It is expected that Mr Reynolds will be in charge of Esso Marine Supply

MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN ARUBA AND THE ANTILLES OF FIVE WILL BE REGULATED

WILLEMSTAD—

The traffic of persons between Aruba and the Antilles of 5 will be regulated as of January 1, 1986. Presently Antilleans are free to travel among the islands without any restrictions, but after Aruba obtains Status Aparte there will be certain changes concerning the freedom of movement between the islands. The matter will be discussed during the meeting between Aruba and the other 5 islands of the Netherlands Antilles on April 23 in Bonaire. The Minister of State Structure for the Antilles

of 5, Frank Rozendal said this week that there is a tentative agreement between Aruba and the Antilles of 5 as was formerly anticipated in the Round Table Conference two years ago. According to the agreement, after January 1, 1986, citizens of the Antilles of 5 will not be allowed to establish themselves in Aruba unless they can prove that they have an income allowed to establish themselves in Aruba unless they can prove that they have an income or place of residence, neither will Arubans be allowed to enter

one of the islands of the Antilles of 5 without being subjected to the same restrictions. However there will be no restrictions on the traffic of goods and merchandise between Aruba and the Antilles of 5. Minister Rozendal also said that during the mee-

ting of the coalition parties the MEP told its partner in the Central Government that the decision concerning an Aruban currency will be handled in an Island Council meeting this week but MEP's position is that Aruba will have its own metal coins

and will use American dollars as paper currency but the reckoning unit of

the currency will be the Aruban coin. The matter

will also be discussed during the meeting in Bonaire.

LAGO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT MARKETING PROSPECTS

Lago Oil and Transport Company, LTD. Indicated today that the margin relief on petroleum products announced recently by the department of economic affairs, while a positive move in the right direction, does not fully meet

the total margin requirements necessary for a viable marketing operation in Aruba. Lago stated that since the refinery closed, it has in good faith and as promised, imported re-

fined products at higher costs, and at times at a loss and has invested \$1.5 million in facilities to meet local market requirements.

Any further delays on the required margin relief will force Lago to reevaluate its position regarding a long-term marketing presence in Aruba. Lago further clarified that the refined products inventory on hand was not enough to meet requirements for the next 6 months, as

recently reported. Local demand and shipping schedules require that certain critical products be imported about once e-

very month. As a further complication Lago noted, that the Aruba executive council had not approved the establishment permit of the new marketing c-

company, Esso. This will delay shipments of needed refined petroleum into Aruba. Esso petrolera, Lago said, would be the new corporate entity responsible for marketing refined petroleum products in Aruba. Lago stated that the request for establishing this branch was filed with the appropriate agencies on January 25, 1985, and approval expected by March 15, 1985. It was clearly indicated that Esso petrolera needed to commence business operations on April 1, 1985. On April 2, 1985, Lago was advised

that for the time being the local authorities would not grant the permit; Esso petrolera was so confident that the permit for its incorporation would be approved that it made firm arrangements to import a full cargo of petroleum products, including motor gasoline, for arrival in Aruba the first week of April. Without the establishment permit the vessel can not be discharged since title for the products belongs to Esso petrolera. Lago stressed that it was confident that the outstanding issues regarding the future of marketing operations in Aruba whether by Esso petrolera or any other entity, will be promptly resolved to the benefit of all concerned.

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ORANJESTAD—Presently in Aruba is a representative of the Caribbean Tourism Association and a representative of the Caribbean Tourism and development Research Center. Mrs. Audrey is the general director of the C.T.A. and Mr. John Holder is the general secretary of the C.T.R.C. The representatives of the two organizations met with the Deputy of Tourism Mr. Tico Kuiperi and the head of the Tourism Office Mr. Rory Arends. The purpose of the visit was to see how the two organizations can help Aruba widen its economic base through programs for the development of its tourism industry.

INVESTIGATION STARTED OF SUSPECTED FRAUD IN LOTTO GAME

ORANJESTAD—The Aruba Sports Lotto Foundation has filed a complain in connection with a possible act of fraud committed by an employee or employees of the Lotto administration department. It is suspected that there were certain adulterations with a lotto form when the sum in the pot reached the amount of 16 thousand guilders. An internal investigation ga-

ve the management cause to believe that there is a possibility that fraud might have been committed. According to reports, the acting director has submitted his resignation.

The management announced this week that hence forth the weekly drawing will take place on Mondays. Deadline to deposit forms will be Thursday 4 p.m.

DON BOSCO CLUB TO HOLD KITE FLYING CONTEST

SAN NICOLAS—The Don Bosco Club will start a kite making course on Monday April 22 as a prelude to a kite flying contest which will

be held on Sunday, April 28. The course takes place every day from 5 p.m. up to April 27. The kite flying contest will be at 10 a.m. at the De Vuyst

flying field. On Tuesday April 23, the Don Bosco ladies Committee will start a course in handicrafts for children from 8 to 12 years of age.

DOMAIN ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT ISSUED FOLDER

The Department of Domain Administration (Domeinbeheer) has issued a very attractive

and informative folder containing some valuable information for people

who are desirous of obtaining property to build a home and the procedures to obtain permission to build houses etc.

ARUBA PICTURES IN MERCEDES BENZ MAGAZINE

ORANJESTAD—Aruba was given some positive publicity in "Mercedes Benz in aller Welt" magazine recently. The magazine is published by the makers of the famous Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Thomas Weisshaar wrote the

article which is illustrated with picture of Aruba. The magazine is published six times a year in the following languages: German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish and is obtainable in 171 countries.

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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, living in New York City for the last 20 years. At moment Miss Ruiz is asistente manager in one of the Garments Factory in Manhattan, New York. She is very Happy for the beautiful beach and the very nice people of Aruba. She is accompany by of grandchildren, Rafaela, Sandra Frankly, her daughter in law, Jewel Page and her son Frank T. Ruiz.

Mandela's wife predicts tragic times for South Africa

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Winnie Mandela, the "banned" wife of imprisoned black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, said she foresees "tragic times" ahead for South Africa unless the white minority government abolishes Apartheid.

She also accuses the government of "closing the chapter of negotiations" by refusing to release her husband and other jailed members of the banned African National Congress, which is fighting to end white-minority rule in South Africa.

"I'm afraid one can only visualize very tragic times ahead of us if the government is not prepared to dismantle Apartheid," she said in an A.B.C. television interview here.

Mrs. Mandela violated her status under South African law as a "banned" person to speak with interviewer Ted Koppel. Classified as "banned," she is not allowed to be quoted or photographed in the press, is restricted to her home from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and is not allowed to speak to

more than one person at a time.

Mrs. Mandela was interviewed after receiving news that black demonstrators had been shot and killed by police near Uitenhage, 15 miles (25 km) west of the southern coastal city of Port Elizabeth.

The violence occurred a day after Magistrates in Port Elizabeth and the capital of Pretoria banned all gatherings to commemorate the 1960 Sharpeville Massacre of 69 blacks.

"This is what our leaders went to prison for," she said. "This confirms what we've been saying all along: In this government, there have been no changes whatsoever."

Asked if a violent demonstration had been planned for the Sharpeville anniversary, Mrs. Mandela said, "No, we felt we should close that chapter where we simply provided cannon fodder for the Apartheid regime."

"We love life no less. We have always felt that whenever possible, we must avoid loss of life," she said.

Mrs. Mandela's husband Nelson, the leader of the outlawed anti-Apartheid A.N.C., has been in prison for 25 years. He recently turned down President Pieter Botha's offer of freedom if he renounced violent subversion.

Asked about her husband, Mrs. Mandela said, "There is no way the South African racist government can negotiate any type of freedom with men behind bars. Only free men can negotiate."

"Mandela is in prison for the freedom of his people, not for himself," she added.

Mrs. Mandela repeatedly said it was "late in the day" for reform in South Africa, where the 22 million black majority is denied political rights by the white minority government.

She blamed the government for "closing the chapter of negotiations" with the A.N.C.

"Unless the government releases our leaders unconditionally, unless it dismembers Apartheid, there is no way they can negotiate with anyone," she said.

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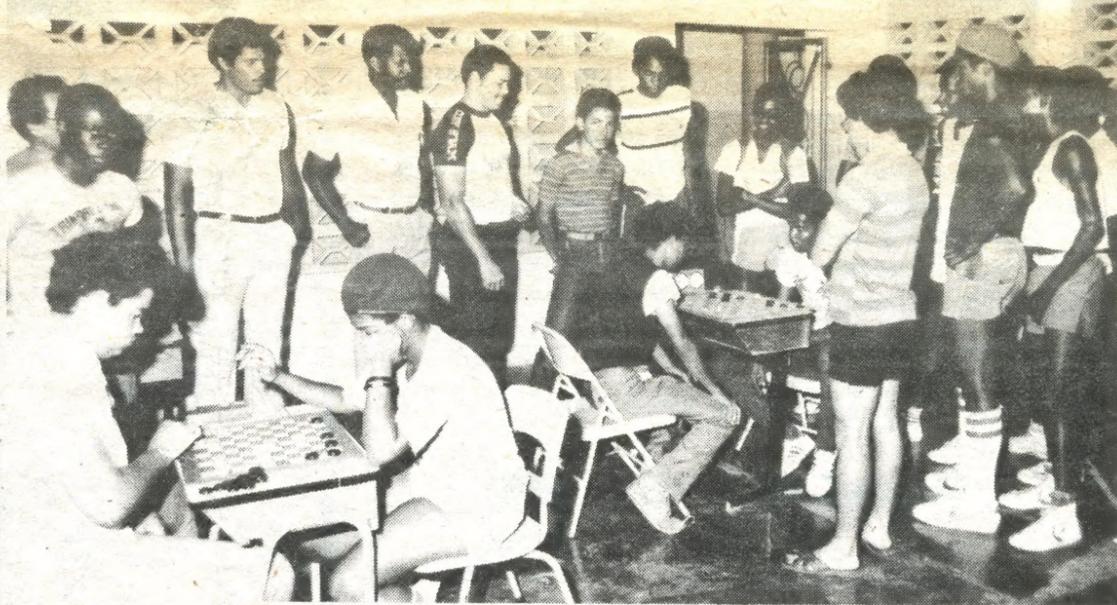
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Report shows Americans are living longer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans are living longer than ever and the racial gap in life expectancy is closing but black infants still die at far higher rates than whites, the government's annual health report said on the weekend.

Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler, who released the report, wrote in its preface: "Progress is the word that best defines and describes the health status of the American people."

"It is clear from the basic health yardsticks that the United States is moving in the right health direction: Both men and women are living longer; infant mortality continues its decline," she said.

The report, "Health United

States, 1984," said life expectancy is at a record—74.7 years for an American born in 1983.

"Most recent increases in life expectancy come because of gains in the middle and older years. Americans who turned 65 in 1983 could expect to live another 16.8 years, the report said.

Women still have a life expectancy advantage over men—78.3 years vs. 71 years for a baby born in 1983—but the gap has narrowed since the mid-1970s.

Whites still live longer than blacks—75.2 years vs. 69.6 years—but "that racial gap is narrowing," the report said. Since 1970, blacks gained 5.5 years of life expectancy, compared with 3.5 years for whites.

The infant mortality rate continues to decline, reaching 10.9 deaths in the first year for every 1,000 live births in 1983. But the mortality rate for black infants remains almost twice as high as for whites.

The lowest rate for black infant mortality in any state is still 31 percent higher than the highest rate for whites, the report said.

There is "substantial variation in infant mortality" among states, with whites ranging from nine deaths per 1,000 births in 1979-81, to 12.5 deaths per 1,000, the report said. For blacks, the range was 16.4 to 25.9.

The report said infant mortality still is considerably lower

in other industrial countries. Sweden's rate is half the U.S. figure.

Administration critics say progress in reducing the infant death rate has stalled since the dramatic gains of a decade ago. The Children's Defense Fund said recently it is doubtful the nation will reach the U.S. Surgeon General's target of lowering deaths to nine per 1,000 live births by 1990.

Among the other highlights:

— Death Rates, adjusted for age, dropped by 26 percent between 1970 and 1983 from heart attacks, the leading cause of death in America. For stroke, the decline was 48 percent in those years.

— In 1983, 35 percent of

adult men smoked cigarettes, a slight drop from 1980. About 30 percent of adult women smoked, a rate no different from 1980.

— Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds, with three western states—Wyoming, Nevada and New Mexico—having the highest rates. But rates for young whites are twice as high as for young blacks. Among young black men, homicide is the leading cause of death.

READ THE LOCAL

LOTTO FOUNDATION TO HOLD MEETING FOR SELLERS

ORANJESTAD—The sports Lotto Foundation will hold a meeting for the persons who have inscribed as sellers on Friday, April 19, at 3 p.m. in the small meeting room of the Cas di Cultura. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve the rules stipulated for sellers. The Foundation is

making an effort to encourage more people to participate in the Lotto and hopes that sellers will come into more contact

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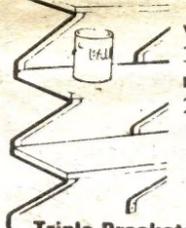
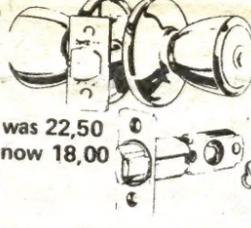
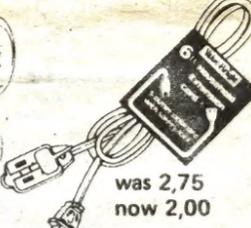
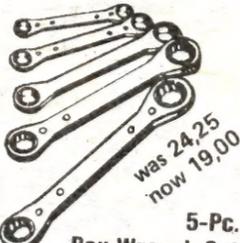
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Videotapes challenged by defense in Aquino murder case

MANILA, The Philippines — (UPI) — An audio expert told a court yesterday that voices recorded just moments before the murder of Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino said, "Here he comes," "Shoot him," and "I'll do it."

Jose Mari Gonzales, appearing for a second day at the trial of Armed Forces Chief Fabian Ver, also testified his preparation of a "composite" film of the assassination made

from scenes recorded by three television networks.

The film and the sound track contributed to a civilian panel's conclusion last year that Aquino's slaying on August 21, 1983 at Manila Airport, stemmed from a military conspiracy involving Ver and his 25 co-defendants.

The videotapes were made by crews of American and Japanese television crews who ac-

panied Aquino on his return from exile in the United States, and the Philippine government-run Maharlika Broadcasting System.

The film runs for one hour in slow motion and eight minutes at normal speed. It shows Aquino being escorted from the plane by soldiers and includes the scene on the tarmac moments after he was shot.

The former Senator, last

shown alive descending the airline staircase, drops from sight just before he is shot. But Gonzales repeatedly played the audio portion of those crucial seconds in which prosecutors allege Aquino was slain by a soldier near the bottom of the steps.

"What were the words uttered?" Chief Justice Manuel Pamaran asked Gonzales.

"I heard the words 'ako na (here he comes),' and I heard the words 'eto na (I'll do it)' and I heard the word 'pusila (shoot him),'" Gonzales replied.

Prosecutors allege the words were commands issued by the soldiers surrounding Aquino on the staircase.

Defense attorneys have questioned Gonzales' expertise and the reliability of the composite film.

They say it may have been tampered with or rigged by the civilian commission to discredit the military's story that Aquino was killed by alleged Communist hitman Rolando Galman, who was slain by soldiers moments after Aquino.

"There is no error," said Gonzalez, owner of Cinema Audio Electronics Inc.

The film also shows passengers getting off the plane and a Colonel ushering one hysterical woman away from reporters.

AMERICAN TOURIST PRAISE ARUBA

The Aruba Tourism Office in New York received a letter from Mrs. Linda Volpe, who gave her personal impression about Aruba, The letter says, "Some times someone writes a letter to complain, but I hope that this letter will make you feel happy. Seven years ago my husband

and I visited Aruba and we fell in love with the entire island. After that visit we visited several other islands thinking that after we had heard that "all islands are the same why go back to Aruba". But that was a big mistake. None of the other islands can compare with

the beautiful beaches of Aruba, the people of Aruba are the most friendly. About a year and a half ago we planned another vacation and memories of Aruba made us return to the island. The beaches are still the best, the people are just as friendly and the love for your island continues to exist. A-

gain we are planning another vacation. For a whole week we checked all sorts of tourist folders, looking for something like Aruba. After much confusion and disappointment we realize that there is no islands to compare with Aruba. We started laughing. Aruba is the ideal place for a vacation. That is the

reason that for the third time in seven years we are going back to Aruba and this time there are no other thoughts, like the island could have changed, because we know that the people will not let the island change. They are proud of their island and we are very proud to say that "we are in love with your Paradise". We are looking forward to our vacation in November, we are planning to spend about two weeks, because one week in Aruba is not enough". In the letter addressed to Mr. Wathey Chai, Mrs. Volpe expresses words of praise for the personnel of the New York office for their attentiveness. It is really satisfying to hear that people from overseas compare Aruba with other islands and discover that people from overseas compare Aruba with other islands and discover that there is none like Aruba. The government of Aruba hopes that there is none like Aruba. The government of Aruba hopes that the people will conserve the beautiful beaches and the traditional hospitality, two important factors in the development of our tourism.

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A CHRISTIAN HOME? A BIBLICAL HOME?

Research tells us that most parents are concerned about values today, but they do little to convey those values to their children. A well read popular women's magazine conducted a poll among its readers. Almost three-fourths (72 o/o) of those responding said that they believe religion is losing its influence on the family, especially the children. Dr. Harold J. Sala in GUIDELINES FOR FAMILY LIVING (no. 812) says that the response to the question: "How important is a belief in God or a Higher Being in your life?" was that 66 o/o believed "Very important" Only 19 o/o said that it is moderately important. That is a response of almost 3 out of four, yet as Dr. Sala says, "Only one in four was seriously trying to convey their sense of values to their children. In another poll, more recently, REDBOOK asked 20,000 readers finding the same results. Dr. Sala quoting the report says, "Two in three of these mothers consider themselves at least moderately religious, yet they are not stressing piety for their children. On the same list of virtues they want for their children, a modest majority-58 per cent-say, love of God' is very important, and even fewer-32 per cent-put high value on' strong religious By comparison a thumping 81 per cent say that courtesy and good manners are very important.

Dr. Sala said that the two surveys documented what his mail had told him for a long time. That is, there is the separation of belief and practice in a lot of our lives. Sure, we believe certain truths. We say that we do, and in a sense we do, yet those truths don't rub off on our children. He goes on to say, "They (the parents) joined a church and probably attend, yet the principles of God's Word haven't really gripped their lives and formed a solid foundation which they have begun to inlay in the young lives which comes into the family." A lack of scriptural convictions causes people to say that their religious faith is very important to them, but not that important in their lives as it relates to their children as music lessons, or learning a foreign language, or having straight teeth. Another reason for the conclusion that a biblical foundation is lacking in many so-called Christian families is the

high rate of children joining cults. Even though the parent's defense is that is against all they have taught; is it? The biblical truths were not presented in the home even though the home was a church going family or believed themselves to be a Christian family. Most likely what was taught in the home were a few Bible stories without any doctrinal truths. Thus, the child never learned about the Trinity, or the authority of the Bible, personal salvation by means of faith in Christ's substitutional death on the cross in place of gaining merit by good works for salvation. We are not saying that all those who join cults come from such families, but a disturbingly high number do!! Another reason for this conclusion of ours is the increasing number of Christian homes ending up in divorce. The number now stands slightly lower than those homes who do not claim

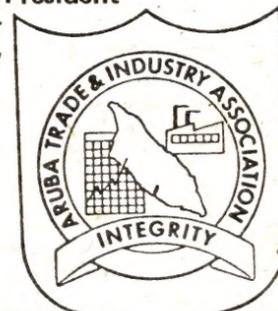
to be Christian. We can add to this the moral confusion and laxity of those who call themselves Christians and are related to a church through membership in it. In conclusion, anyone who stops to think for a little while comes to the same conclusion that something is wrong

in Christian homes today. We can find the cause of that in the Bible, more specifically in Deuteronomy chapter 6. Here we have the difference between saying we believe something and actually doing so. When God has done a real work in your
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A.T.I.A. ELECTS NEW BOARD

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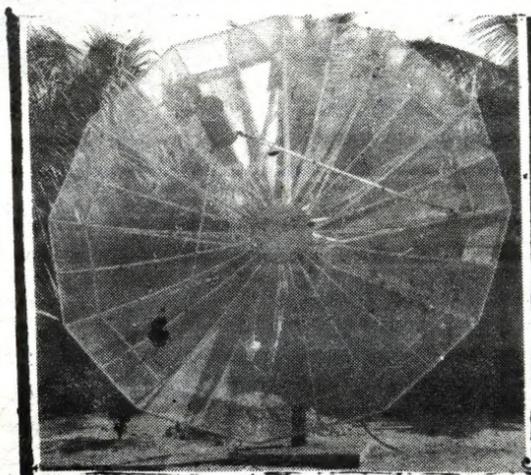
ORANJESTAD—The Aruba Concorde Hotel-Casino the first edition of "Noticarta Concorde" last week. The newsletter will be published frequently to inform the community about the various activities taking place in the hotel and the service given by its employees.

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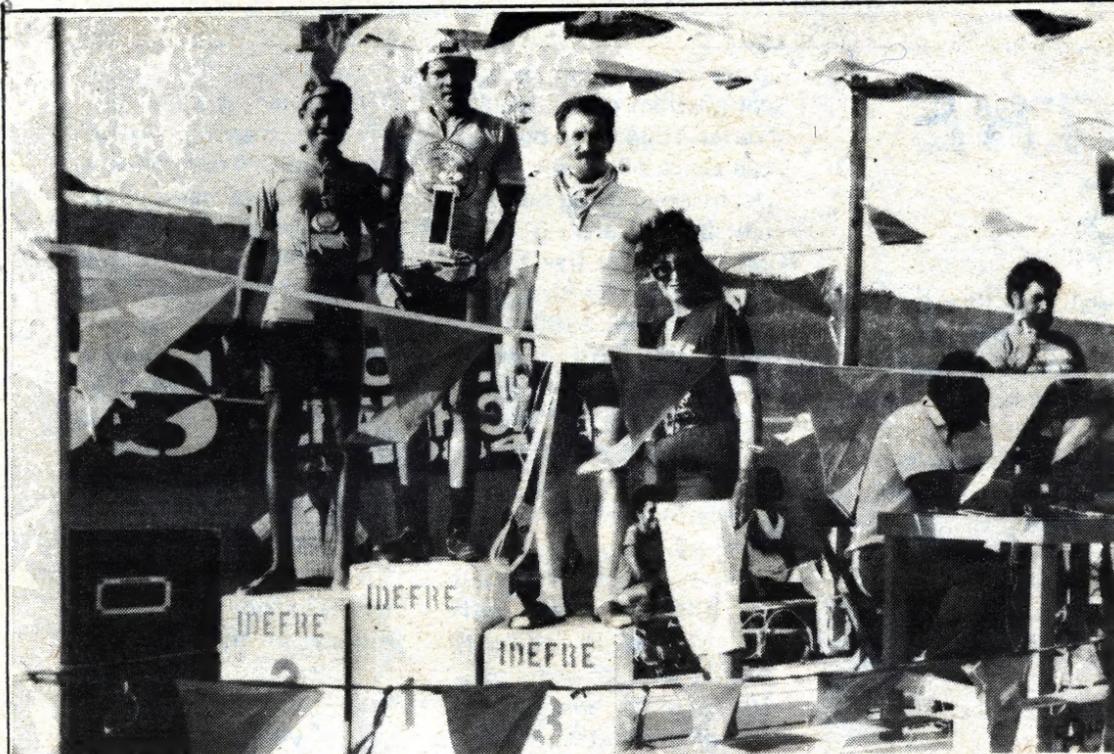
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SAN NICOLAS—Another cycling criterium was held in San Nicolas Sunday afternoon. In the junior category from 12 to 18 years Eugene Lobato won first place. In the novices category Freddy Albertus was the winner. Gary Quandus won first place in the amateur class from 19 to 35 years. In the veterans category from 35 years up Frans Bonifacio won first place.

Reagan now using 2 hearing aids

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. President Reagan, 74, who has worn a hearing aid in his right ear for the last 18 months, now has a similar device for his left ear to balance the sharpness of his hearing.

The second hearing aid was spotted for the first time in public at a White House dinner recently and described today as needed only to balance the improvement in his right ear and not to correct deficiencies in the left.

"The hearing loss in the President's left ear is minimal," says Dr. Howard House, an ear specialist of Los Angeles. "But if you're hearing better in one ear than the other then it is necessary to try to create a balance."

House and his son, John, have both been treating Reagan since 1979 and first prescribed an advanced hearing aid for Reagan after an August 22, 1983, examination.

The recommendation for a second device followed a similar check-up in California in December.

42 die in bus plunge

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (UPI) — At least 42 people were killed and 28 injured when the crowded bus they were traveling in plunged into a ravine near Guatemala City, police say.

CUSTOMS HOPING TO EMBARRASS SMUGGLERS

The U.S. Customs Service hopes to use the media to crack down on smugglers of "personal drugs," officials will announce today.

Under the national "drug blotter" program — to begin at the end of this month — the names of people caught with small quantities of drugs will be released weekly, Customs spokesman Dennis Murphy said Wednesday.

"We want to make it as much of an embarrassment as possible," Murphy said. "It will serve as a deterrent and free up our inspectors to concentrate on the more serious smugglers coming through."

The problem is greatest at the U.S.-Mexican border and at international gateway airports near major cities, Murphy said.

Courts in such areas are "so crammed" with major drug cases that federal and local authorities decline to prosecute for small amounts, Murphy said.

What determines a "small amount" — and whether it is worth prosecuting — usually is how crowded the local courts are, he said.

Some local newspapers may

publish the offenders' names but most won't because of lack of news space or ethical reasons, said Harry F. Thernal, a vice president of the Organization of News Ombudsmen.



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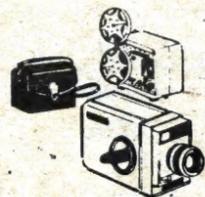
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heart you feel it and want to convey that truth to those around you, especially your children. By that you accept the Biblical foundation for meaning and purpose in your own life. We find that in verses

5-7 of Deuteronomy 6. We read: "Love the Lord your God WITH ALL YOUR HEART, and with ALL YOUR SOUL, and with ALL YOUR MIND (emphasis mine). And these words, which I am com-

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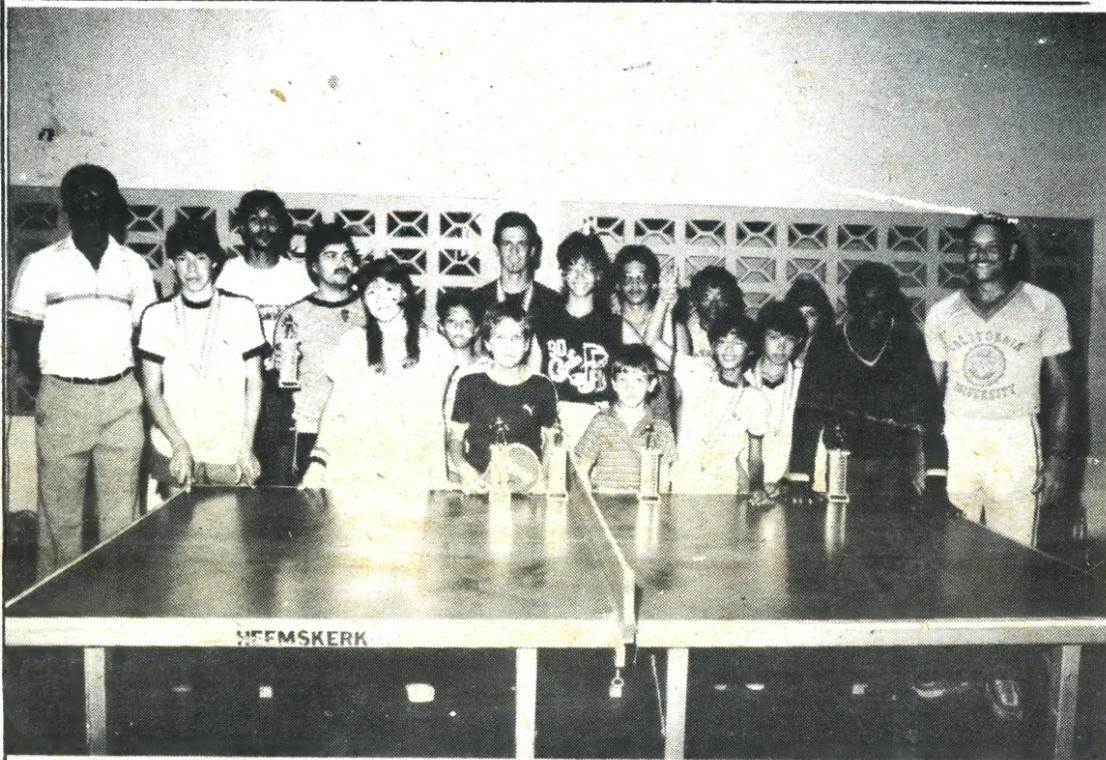
Mr. Dennis Richardson and Miss Dorris Henry were married on Friday April 12. A well attended reception was held at Lagoweg 34 in San Nicolas and the fete lasted until the wee hours. The Local extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson

BRINGING YOU THE GOOD NEWS

With thousands of newspapers and magazines, network and cable television news, and radio bulletins all day long, Americans are without doubt the most informed people in the world. Whether they are the best informed is

another question. one reason for this is that good news isn't news. It doesn't make our flesh creep like a good disaster does. Its entertainment value is minimal. And no reporter made his reputation by reporting good news,

anyway. But this lack of balance in the news can undermine our confidence in our country's future. So in a small effort to even the score, here's a selection of good news we think should be more prominently reported. The fi-



SAN NICOLAS—Above are the winners of the ping-pong tournament held recently at the San Nicolas Sports Center. The official results as follows: in the ladies category: 1. Marian Krozendijk, 2. Vivian Lacle, 3. Saskia Croes. gents category (9 to 10 years) 1. Rocky Ras, 2. Mark Croes (11 to 13 years) 1. Junior Ras, Andy Gomez, 3. Gregory Lacle, (14 to 16 years) 1. Clifford Spanner, 2. Aaron Wernet, Jerome Wouters (17 years and up) 1. Elgin Nicolaas, 2. Ricardo Werleman, 3. Rudolf Amaya; The champions of each category received a trophy and the winners of second and third place received a medal.

gures come from statistical abstract of the United States. 1984, put out by the Census Bureau.—Americans are getting healthier. A baby born in 1982 can expect to live to age 75, compared with age 70 for one born 1960.—The roads are getting safer. Deaths per 100 million motor vehicle miles were down to 2.8 in 1982, compared with 5.3 in 1970. Education is improving. Over 12 million students were in college in the fall of 1982, compared with 7.3 million in 1970. Of people over 25 years, over 70 percent were high school graduates in 1982 compared with 41 percent in 1960.—As a nation, we are enjoying sports

more. Compared with 1970, twice as many people are playing softball and tennis. Attendance at major league baseball games climbed from 29 million in 1970 and 1982. More people are watching hockey and horse racing. Cynics may look down on spectator sports. But as Ben J. Wattenberg points out in his forthcoming book "The Good News Is The Bad News Is Wrong" they're missing a big point. People today have more money in their pockets to spend on such activities.—Culture is on the up grade. Symphony and opera ticket sales doubled to over 32 million between 1970 and 1982. Private

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Says C.I.A., Duarte, others have knowledge of "Death Squads"

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A former Director of El Salvador's Intelligence Agency says the C.I.A. had advance knowledge of killings planned by military "Death Squads" in the Central American nation.

Colonel Roberto Santivanez appeared at a news conference here today where part of a film interview was shown in which he makes the accusations. He charges that the "Death Squads" had direct links to the most senior Salvador military officers who actually helped prepare "target lists."

Before fleeing the country in 1979, Santivanez was head of El Salvador's Intelligence Agency and a senior official in the armed forces. He says he received some C.I.A. training.

Santivanez says, "it would be impossible that the U.S. intelligence agency did not know who was involved in the killing of Archbishop Oscar Romero in March 1980, the assassinations of four American church-women in December 1980, and the killing of two American trade union officials in 1981."

One of the members of the Military Security Committee, where he said some of the murders were planned, was Colonel Nicholas Carranza, who Santivanez identifies as being on the C.I.A. pay-roll at \$90,000 a year!

He says the killers of Romero, shot down five years ago as he was celebrating mass in the San Salvador Cathedral, were a squad that included some Nicaraguans and who were paid \$120,000 for the job by some wealthy El Salvador ex-patriates living in Miami.

Santivanez said the Defense Minister of El Salvador, General Vides Casanova, himself covered up some of the killings and Salvador President Jose Napoleon Duarte also is involved because he "has kept the Minister of Defense in his

position so that the cover-up can continue.

"Obviously, all these murders occur with the knowledge of U.S. intelligence," he concludes.

In the 70-minute film, called, "Short Circuit: Inside the Death Squads," the Colonel lays principal blame for the killings on rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson, who was defeated by Duarte in the Presidential campaign last year. d'Aubuisson has often been linked in the past with "Death Squad" activity.

In the film, Santivanez says, "When a 'Death Squad' operated in El Salvador, it had help from the security forces under orders from the Ministry of Defense. They were only following orders."

Santivanez says he gave his information to key U.S. Congressional committees a year ago but the charges were suspiciously not in reports the committees then published.

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ORANJESTAD—Lieutenant General T.J. Geus, general inspector of the Dutch armed forces, paid a courtesy visit to the Lieutenant Governor of Aruba Pedro Bilio. He was accompanied by Vice Admiral H. van Forest, director of personnel of the Dutch Navy and the commander of the naval forces in the Netherlands Antilles Commander P.W. Schelkers.

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business support for theaters, museums, symphony orchestras, public radio and television, art and culture centers, art funds and councils and art exhibitions was up nearly tenfold between 1967 and 1979—\$ 26 million to \$33 million in constant 1970 dollars.—More American can afford to travel abroad—over 8 million in 1982 compared with 5 million

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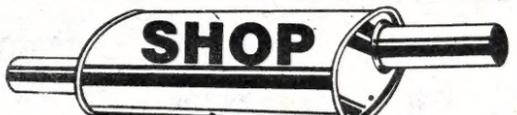
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find those responsible for the
1980 assassination of Catholic
Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Ro-
mero.

"Exactly five years ago, an
assassin's bullet took from the
people...their zealous shepherd,
Oscar Arnulfo Romero," San
Salvador Archbishop Arturo
Rivera y Damas told the crowd
that eventually overflowed Me-
tropolitan Cathedral.

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hope that his death will be ex-
plained and that the guilty will
be punished," Rivera y Damas
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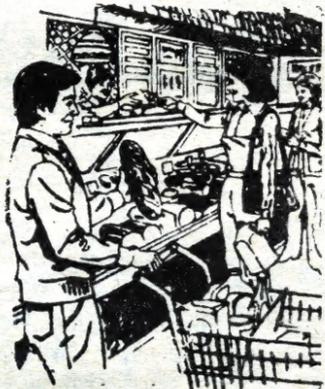
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